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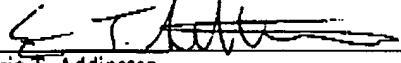
Application No. : 09/529,575  
 Applicant(s) : Francis James Rourke  
 Filed : April 14, 2000  
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 Examiner : Catherine L. Anderson  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2003, which set a three-month period for response. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this paper.